

March 2, 2015

Via Electronic Filing

Jocelyn Boyd, Chief Clerk and Administrator South Carolina Public Service Commission Synergy Business Park 101 Executive Center Drive Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: United Telephone Company of the Carolinas, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink Access Services Tariff

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Enclosed for electronic filing, please find revisions to the United Telephone Company of the Carolinas, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink Access Service Tariff. These revisions are submitted with a March 2, 2015 issue date and a proposed effective date of March 24, 2015. The tariff pages enclosed for review and approval are listed in Attachment A.:

The purpose of this filing is to grandfather CenturyLink's Frame Relay Access Services as of June 1, 2015. The service will no longer be available to new customers for new orders nor will new orders from existing customers be accepted unless permitted by their term discount plan.

Customers with term discount plans which expire after June 1, 2015 may retain their service until the expiration of the term discount plan. If a customer is currently under a term discount plan and wishes to move to another service, cancellation charges will not apply.

Parties of record will be electronically served with this filing. If you have any questions, please contact me at the phone number or the e-mail address listed below.

Sincerely.

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cc: Parties of Record

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# Attachment A

United Telephone Company of the Carolinas, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink March 2, 2015

The following tariff sheets are being revised:

Section 18

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#### ACCESS SERVICE TARIFF

ISSUED: March 2, 2015 EFFECTIVE: March 24, 2015

### 18. Specialized Network Services

#### 18.1 General

Specialized Network Services provide general service arrangements which are not offered under other Sections of this Tariff.

### 18.2 Frame Relay Service

Effective June 1, 2015, CenturyLink's Frame Relay Service will no longer be available to new customers for new orders nor will new orders from existing customers be accepted (except to the extent permitted by term discount plan/contract).

Existing customers of this service will be grandfathered as follows:

- As of June 1, 2015, month-to-month customers will no longer be able to purchase this service.
- Existing term discount plans/contracts for this service will not be renewed.
- Customers with a term discount plan/contract that expires between March 24, 2015 and June 1, 2015 may retain their Frame Relay Service on a month-to-month basis until June 1, 2015.
- Customers with a term discount plan/contract that expires after June 1, 2015 may retain their Frame Relay Service covered by that term discount plan/contract until the expiration of that term discount plan/contract. If a customer is currently under a term discount plan/contract and wishes to move to another service, cancellation charges will not apply.

### 18.2.1 Description

Frame Relay Service (FRS) is a fast packet network that provides the customer high speed access and throughput to different customer addresses. Utilizing statistical multiplexing, the Frame Relay Network enables the customer to allocate circuit bandwidth to applications as needed, rather than assigning fixed channels to specific applications.

Permanent Virtual Connections (PVCs) are logical channels that connect ports on a Frame Relay switch between Frame Relay switches. PVCs are end-to-end, bi-directional channels that are established and disestablished via the service order process. A separate PVC must be established to each location that the customer desires to transmit data. These PVC channels are virtual because they are established in software tables and do not tie up facilities when not in use. Multiple PVCs can be defined over a single Frame Relay Access Channel Termination, thereby providing a single access line the capability to transmit data to multiple destinations.

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## 18. Specialized Network Services

## 18.2 Frame Relay Service

# 18.2.1 Description (Cont'd)

Physical access to the Company's Frame Relay Network is provided via a Frame Relay Access Channel Termination.

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The Company will provision FRS to support industry standards for the User to Network Interface (UNI) and the Network to Network Interface (NNI).

FRS is offered where facilities exist. If it is necessary to construct facilities to satisfy service requests, the service may be provided pursuant to the Company's Special Construction provisions as set forth in 14 preceding.

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